

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1024
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Petrina Smith, 2002
Valedictorian of Oakland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Petrina Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Oakland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Petrina Smith has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Petrina Smith has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average while actively participating in various community and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the Marching Band, Miss Smith was her school band's Drum Major; she also demonstrated her vast musical talent in the Woodwind Choir, the Concert Band, and the Pep Band; and

WHEREAS, Petrina Smith has been honored for her academic excellence through her acceptance into the Governor's School for the Sciences and as a United States Award Winner in Science; she has also been featured in the publication of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, an inductee of the National Honor Society, Beta Epsilon, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Beta Club, Miss Smith is also a member of the Key Club and Excalibur; and

WHEREAS, Petrina's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans on attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in the fall where she will major in Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Petrina Smith's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Charles and Shirley Smith, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Smith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Oakland High School Valedictorian, Miss Petrina Smith, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.